

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Koichi YOSHIHARA

Serial No.: 10/579,340

Filing Date: May 15, 2006

For: FLOAT VALVE

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

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Attention: APPLICATION BRANCH
MISSING REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICATION

Sir:

A Notification of Missing Requirements, dated January 17, 2007, indicated that the Declaration is not executed properly.

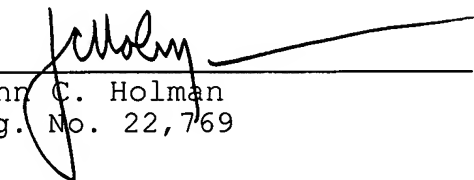
However, Applicant respectfully submits that the Declaration was properly executed when filed on May 15, 2006. A copy of the transmittal and executed Declaration, along with a copy of the date-stamped postcard are attached evidencing receipt of these papers in the PTO on May 15, 2006.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit or credit any fees set forth in \$1.16 or \$1.17 to Deposit Account No. 06-1358 as needed in order to effect proper filing of the application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Att'y Docket: P71279US0
Serial No.: New U.S. National Phase Application
Applicant: YOSHIHARA
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Today's Date: May 15, 2006

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The following has been received in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on the date stamped hereon:

- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ PCT/IB/301/304/308 Form(s)
- ☒ First Page of Publ.
- ☒ 16 pg. Specif. with 3 claims with Abstract
- ☒ 4 Sheets of Drawings
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☒ Assignment document and cover sheet

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED / ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER P71279US0
		US APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/016223	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 1 November 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 14 November 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION FLOAT VALVE		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Koichi YOSHIHARA		

Applicant herein submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information.

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☐ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) is hereby incorporated by reference and
 - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
6. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the Internatl. Preliminary Examination report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A substitute specification.
15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. ☒ Other items or information:

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US APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)		INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/016223		PRIOR ART DOCKET NUMBER P71279US0	
The following fees are submitted:				<u>CALCULATIONS</u>	<u>PTO USE ONLY</u>
17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee \$300				\$ 300.00	
18. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... \$0 All other situations..... \$200				\$ 200.00	
19. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... \$0 Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority..... \$100 International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB..... \$400 All other situations..... \$500				\$ 500.00	
TOTAL of 17, 18 and 19 =				1000.00	
Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
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*** - 100 = ***	*** / 50 =	****	x 250.00	\$	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$	
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate		
Total Claims	3 - 20 =	-0-	x \$50.00	\$	
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	-0-	x \$200.00	\$	
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 1000.00	
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity statement enclosed. (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				\$	
SUBTOTAL =				\$ 1000.00	
Processing fee of \$130 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f))				\$	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$ 1000.00	
Fee of \$40.00 for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). Assignment must be accompanied by appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31).				\$ 40.00	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$ 1040.00	

- a. ☒ A Credit Card Payment Form authorizing the amount of \$ 1040.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 06-1358 in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees.
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge my account any additional fees set forth in §1.492 during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Date Mailed: 01/17/2007

NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 05/15/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 05/15/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 05/15/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 08/16/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 05/15/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 05/15/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 05/15/2006
- Assignment filed on 05/15/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 05/15/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
 - ~~is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68~~
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

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SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5).

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